**Integrated Energy Policy**

3079. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission is preparing a detailed Integrated Energy Policy report;

(b) if so, when is the report going to be made Public;

(c) to what extent will the Integrated Energy Policy take into account the transmission and distribution aspects of power;

(d) has any time frame been set for State Government's to privatize transmission and distribution of power; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) (a) to (c) An Expert Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission on 12th August, 2004 to prepare an integrated energy policy linked with sustainable development that covers all sources of energy and addresses all aspects including energy security, access and availability, affordability and pricing, efficiency and environment. The Expert Committee is currently deliberating the subject matter. The term of the above Committee has recently been given further extension up to 11th October, 2005.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

**Effect of closure of Nathpa Jhakri Plant**

†3080. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power supply of several States has been affected by the closure of Nathpa Jhakri Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) by when Government would restart this plant; and

(d) the main reasons for closing it down?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently, the power generated from the project is being supplied to Delhi (15.97%), Chandigarh (0.53%), Haryana (13.27%), H.P. (2.47%), J&K (7.0%), Punjab (28.63%), Rajasthan (7.47%) and U.P. (14.73%), 9.93% of the power generated is un-allocated share with Government of India for allocation depending upon the requirements. As a result of this the beneficiary states could not draw their allocated power from the project.

(c) and (d) The recent shut down of Nathpa Jhakri Hydro-electric Project (1500 MW) on river Satluj in Himachal Pradesh followed the heavy rains and flash flood in the Satluj river due to breach in Pareechu Lake in Tibet, China. This caused abrupt rise in silt content in the river water much more than the permissible limit of 5000 PPM—on account of which the machines had to be closed down as a precautionary measures to protect them from damage.

The machines were completely closed from 25th June, 2005 to 13th July, 2005. The plant was restarted on 14th July, 2005 by generation with one unit of 250 MW, when the silt level in Satluj river was marginally above the permissible limit. The same was gradually increased upto 4 units by 25th July, 2005. Due to fluctuating silt content in Satluj river hovering near the permissible value, the number of units being operated varied from time to time and as on 17.08.2005, 4 units were being operated.

**Generation of additional power by improving power generating projects**

†3081. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 15 per cent additional power can be generated by making large scale improvement in power generating projects;

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